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ORIGIN

1. When the Soviets took over the Baltic Republics in 1940, the bank accounts of nationals of the Baltic States in Sweden were blocked. This was presumably done in order to secure Swedish claims for losses in those states. Baltic nationals were allowed to withdraw certain agreed monthly sums to cover their living expenses.

2. Sums paid into the accounts of Baltic nationals were not blocked in this way. Certain Baltic nationals received sums of money from the Swedish authorities when their ships were handed out to the Soviet authorities at the end of 1945; the accounts opened for such sums were also not blocked.

3. Recently even those accounts which had previously been free have been blocked. The Baltic nationals take it that this is one of the first visible results of Sweden's new trade treaty with the USSR. The Swedish claim for losses in the Baltic States were also dealt with under the new trade treaty.

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